(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है और वे सुझाव कौन-कौन से हैं जिन्हें या तो सरकार द्वारा स्वीकृत नहीं किया गया है या आंशिक रूप से स्वीकार किया गया है?

नागर विमानन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती जयंती नटराजन): (क) से (ग) डा० नितीश कुमार सेनगुप्ता द्वारा प्रस्तुत रिपोर्ट जिसमें अगस्त, 1996 में हुई अमरनाथ यात्रा त्रासदी पर उनके निष्कर्ष तथा भविष्य में सुरक्षित यात्रा सुनिश्चित करने के लिए उनके सुझाव समाहित थे, 18.12.1996 को सदन के पटल पर रखी गई थी।

रिपोर्ट में की गई सिफारिशों को ध्यान में रखते हुए जम्मू एवं कश्मीर सरकार ने इस वर्ष की यात्रा के लिए उपयुक्त कदम उठाए हैं। जम्मू एवं कश्मीर के पर्यटन मंत्री के नेतृत्व में विभिन्न विभागों के प्रतिनिधियों की सदस्यता वाला अमरनाथ यात्रा बोर्ड 23.4.1997 से गठित किया गया है। 32 कि० मी० लम्बे यात्रा मार्ग पर तीर्थयात्रियों की संख्या प्रतिदिन 10,000 तक और किसी भी दिन मार्ग में किन्हीं दो सैक्टरों के बीच 2000 से 2500 के बीच सीमित कर दी गई है। चंदनवाड़ी, शेषनाग और पंचतरणी में 500 तंबुओं के शिविर आवास हेतु प्रबन्ध किए गए हैं। इसके अलावा 1.44 करोड़ रु० की लागत से स्थाई विश्राम शैड भी बनाए जा रहे हैं। एक सचल चिकित्सा शिविर जोकि छड़ी मुबारक के साथ चलेगा, के अलावा आठ चिकित्सा सहायता शिविर स्थापित किए गए हैं। चन्दनवाड़ी से लेकर पवित्र गुफा तक के रास्ते में पड़ने वाले सभी रास्तों और पुलों की मरम्मत की गई है और उनकी उचित साज-संभाल की गई है। यह सुनिश्चित करने के लिए कदम उठाए गए हैं कि मौसम कि रिपोर्ट दिन मे तीन बार 0630 बजे, 1330 बजे और 2030 बजे उपलब्ध कराई जाएगी। पर्याप्त संख्या में एस टी डी/पी सी ओ बूथ सभी महत्वपूर्ण स्टेशनों पर स्थापित किए गए हैं, अत्याधुनिक दूरसंचार नेटवर्क स्थापित किया गया है और यात्रा की पूरी अवधि के लिए सभी महत्वपूर्ण स्टेशनों पर उचित सार्वजनिक सम्बोधन प्रणाली की व्यवस्था की गई है। राज्य सरकार के दो हैलीकॉप्टर, भारतीय वायु सेना के 2 एम आई-17 एवं 1 चीता हैलीकॉप्टर, आपात् स्थिति उत्पन्न होने की स्थिति में प्रयोग हेतु तैयार रखे गए हैं।

Cell in the PM's Office to look into Jammu and Kashmir Affairs

1005. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any cell in the P.M.'s office to look into the Jammu and Kashmir Affairs;

(b) whether there are frequent meetings between the PM's office and State Government of Jammu and Kashmir in implementing the Jammu and Kashmir affairs;

(c) whether the PM's office is looking after only the problem of law and order in the State; and

(d) the details of affairs being looked into by the PM's office?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Meetings are held whenever necessary in connection with implementation of the economic package announced by the former PM in Parliament, announcements in J&K in February, 1997 and other important matters.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Representations/Memoranda/letters etc. seeking PM's intervention on important matters are referred to concerned Ministries and pursued wherever necessary. Besides, the economic package and important announcements of the PM are suitably followed up.

Non-Payment of Statutory Post-Retirement Dues to Employees of CPSUs

1006. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether 46 MPs had presented a memorandum on to the Prime Minister

on the 6th May, 1997 regarding non-payment of statutory post-retirement dues to the employees of CPSUs;

(b) whether the memorandum referred to a decision taken in meeting held on the 5th December, 1996 convened by the Labour Minister, where Minister of Finance was also present, to submit a note for consideration of the Cabinet in order to resolve the issue; and

(c) whether the above note has been considered by the Cabinet, if not, the reasons therefor and the date by which the Cabinet is likely to take a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) The Note on non-payment of statutory dues to the employees of CPSUs was considered by the Cabinet on 19th July 1997. The Cabinet decided to set up a sub-committee comprising Minister of Agriculture as (Chairman) of the Committee, Minister of Finance and Minister of State for Labour as members to further consider the issue.

Demands of Workers of Rourkela Steel Plant

1007. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of th problems of workers engaged in Rourkela Steel Plant;

(b) whether they have demanded an increase in their monthly wages;

(c) if so, what are the various problems of the workers of the Plant;

(d) the demands made by them; and

(e) the steps taken to consider their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI M.P. VEERENDRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Madam.

(c) to (e) The demands of workers of Rurkela Steel Plant which have been raised by Unions inter-alia include:—

(i) Standardisation of Wages/Service conditions in Steel Industry

(ii) Reduction in hours of work without loss in present emoluments

(iii) Revision of minimum wages

(iv) Revision of wage structure

(v) Revision of Dearness Allowance

(vi) Revision of Incentive Bonus Scheme

(vii) Revision of Retiring Gratuity

The Ministry of Steel has informed that the issues raised by the Unions fall within the ambit of negotiations at the apex level bipartite forum called the National Joint Committee for the Steel Industry. The last agreement signed by the Committee w.e.f. 1.1.92 expired in the end of 1996. Negotiations have already commenced to reach an understanding on the wage revision.

Industry Workers under ESI Scheme in Karnataka

1008. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial workers covered under ESI Scheme at present in Karnataka and the precentage of increase in coverage taking place over the last five years;

(b) the number of ESI hospitals and dispensaries in that State, district-wise, as on date and those proposed to be set-up during the next one year;

(c) whether Government have received a number of suggestions for changes in the Scheme; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to cover workers engaged in the unorganised sectors under the Scheme; if so, whether any census of workers in unorganised sector is being undertaken; if so, the details thereof?